

Clinical Trial Basics

Questions to Ask Your Healthcare Team

Use this resource as a guide for a discussion with your health care team. Be sure to bring a pen and print multiple copies for other members of your caregiver team that may be joining you for the appointment so that they can take notes as well.

Name of the clinical trial: _____

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: _____

What is the goal of this clinical trial? _____

Does my biomarker status effect my ability to participate in this trial? _____

What kind of tests or treatment will I be given? _____

Will I see my test results? _____

Has this experimental drug been tested in other clinical trials, or is approved for use for other diseases? _____

Will I know if I have the experimental treatment or if I am getting a standard of care/placebo? _____

If I am getting the standard of care/placebo, what kind of treatment is that? _____

How long will I participate in the trial? How often do I need to come in for treatment? Is any portion of the trial in-patient? _____

What are the risks and side effects I may experience? _____

How will I know if the experimental drug is working for me? _____

Can I continue to see my oncologist even though he or she is not involved with this trial? Who will be in charge of my care? _____

Are there any costs I will be responsible for by participating in the trial? If so, are they covered by insurance? _____

Is there any compensation or transportation assistance? _____

What if my medical condition worsens during the trial? _____

If the treatment works for me, can I continue to get the drug even after the trial is completed? _____

Can I leave the study if I no longer want to participate? _____

Who is my main contact if I have questions or concerns during the trial? _____

Will the clinical trial team continue to follow my progress after the trial ends? _____

Will the results of the study be shared with me? _____

If I choose not to participate in a clinical trial, what treatment options are available to me? _____

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